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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 411

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FOR A/ALS, ARA/MGT, ARA/CAR AND SY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, JM

SUBJECT: KINGSTON POST DIFFERENTIAL REQUEST: UP-DATE ON SECURITY
PROBLEMS

1. ON MARCH 5 EMBASSY POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT POST
DIFFERENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUPPORT OF POST
DIFFERENTIAL ALLOWANCE. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS FINAL DECISION
TAKEN ON THAT REQUEST WE WILL SUBMIT PERIODIC UP-DATES ON
INCIDENTS LIST PROVIDED WITH QUESTIONNAIRE.

2. SINCE ABOVE SUBMISSION, FOLLOWING INCIDENTS, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY INVOLVING AMERICAN STAFF, HAVE OCCURRED:

A. ON MARCH 3 AID TDY OFFICER SET UPON BY FIVE KNIFE-
WIELDING ASSAILANTS AT 3:00 P.M. WHILE ATTEMPTING ENTER THE
CHANCERY (WHICH WAS CLOSED OWING LOCAL HOLIDAY). MARINE
GUARD WAS ELSEWHERE IN CHANCERY AND DID NOT HEAR THE
OFFICER'S CALLS FOR HELP. AID OFFICER FOUGHT OFF EFFORTS TO
REMOVE HIS WATCH, WALLET, ETC. FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE
MINUTES OF SCUFFLING AND FINALLY ESCAPED WHEN A PASSING
MOTORIST CAME TO HIS HELP BY (1) ATTEMPTING RUN DOWN
SEVERAL OF THE ASSAILANTS, AND (2) GETTING OUT OF THE
CAR AND JOINING THE OFFICER IN BEATING OFF THE ASSAILANTS.

B. ON MARCH 5 EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER WHILE DRIVING
HOME AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M. WAS TAILED BY THREE MEN IN A TAXI
APPARENTLY INTENT ON CUTTING HER OFF - PRESUMABLY FOR
PURPOSES OF THEFT OR PLAIN HARASSMENT. INCIDENT OCCURRED
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IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF CHANCERY AND SHE EXCAPED ONLY AFTER

PROLONGED EVASIVE DRIVING TACTICS.

C. ON MARCH 7 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M. TEN YOUTHS JUMPED AN ELDERLY MAN DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CHANCERY AND WERE LITERALLY BEATING HIM TO DEATH WHEN THE MARINE GUARD ON DUTY, WHO HAD OBSERVED THE ATTACK, INTERVENED. APPARENTLY THE MARINE'S UNIFORM AND THE FACT HE WAS ARMED WERE ENOUGH TO FRIGHTEN OFF THE ATTACKERS AS THE MARINE DID NOT HAVE TO PHYSICALLY INVOLVE HIMSELF.

3. GENERAL LEVEL OF VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO WAX AND WANE BUT DID PEAK THIS PAST WEEKEND WITH FIVE DEATHS FROM SHOOTINGS AND NUMBER WOUNDED. ONE OF THOSE KILLED WAS A POLICEMAN ON DUTY APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS FROM CHANCERY. OTHERS WERE KILLED IN A MOTORCYCLE GANG RAID ON A YOUTH CLUB DANCE IN AN AREA NEAR WHERE MOST AMERICANS HAVE THEIR HOMES. GERARD

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